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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### U.S. Customs and Border Protection

#### Agency Information Collection Activities:

#### Foreign Trade Zone Annual Reconciliation Certification and Record Keeping Requirement

**AGENCY:** U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** 30-Day Notice and request for comments; Extension of an existing collection of information: 1651-0051.

**SUMMARY:** U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) of the Department of Homeland Security will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act: Foreign Trade Zone Annual Reconciliation Certification and Record Keeping Requirement. This is a proposed extension of an information collection that was previously approved. CBP is proposing that this information collection be extended with a change to the burden hours. This document is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** (79 FR 404) on January 3, 2014, allowing for a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before [Insert date 30 days from the date this notice is published in the **Federal Register**] to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on

this proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to the OMB Desk Officer for Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, and sent via electronic mail to [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov) or faxed to (202) 395-5806.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information should be directed to Tracey Denning, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Regulations and Rulings, Office of International Trade, 90 K Street, NE, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Washington, D.C. 20229-1177, at 202-325-0265.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** CBP invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3507). The comments should address: (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology; and (e) the annual costs burden to respondents or record keepers from the collection of information (a total capital/startup costs and operations and maintenance costs). The comments that are submitted will be summarized and included in the CBP request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this document CBP is soliciting comments concerning the following

information collection:

**Title:** Foreign Trade Zone Annual Reconciliation Certification and Record Keeping Requirement

**OMB Number:** 1651-0051

**Form Number:** None

**Abstract:** In accordance with 19 CFR 146.4 and 146.25, foreign trade zone (FTZ) operators are required to account for zone merchandise admitted, stored, manipulated and removed from FTZs. FTZ operators must prepare a reconciliation report within 90 days after the end of the zone year for a spot check or audit by CBP. In addition, within 10 working days after the annual reconciliation, FTZ operators must submit to the CBP port director a letter signed by the operator certifying that the annual reconciliation has been prepared and is available for CBP review and is accurate. These requirements are authorized by Foreign Trade Zones Act, as amended (Title 19 U.S.C. 81a).

**Current Actions:** CBP proposes to extend the expiration date of this information collection with a change to the burden hours resulting from the addition of burden hours for the certification letter, and from updated data on the number of respondents and record keepers related to FTZ reconciliation. There is no change to the information collected or to the record keeping requirements.

**Type of Review:** Extension (with change)

**Affected Public:** Businesses or other for-profit institutions

#### **Record Keeping Requirements under 19 CFR 146.4**

**Estimated Number of Respondents: 276**

**Estimated Time per Respondent: 45 minutes**

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 207**

**Certification Letter under 19 CFR 146.25**

**Estimated Number of Respondents: 276**

**Estimated Time per Respondent: 20 minutes**

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 91**

Dated: March 10, 2014.

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